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Docket No. 00D-1277

Dear Madam/Sir:

This letter is in response to the draft guidance document entitled "Guidance for Industry: Fumonisin Levels in Human Foods and Animal Feeds."

The North American Millers' Association (NAMA) is the trade association representing the grain milling industry. Our members are 42 corn, wheat and oat millers who operate 172 mills in 37 states. Their collective production capacity is more than 160 million pounds of product daily, including more than 20 million pounds of corn products.

NAMA members take seriously their commitment to producing safe and wholesome grain products. In fact, more than three years ago we embarked on a voluntary program of sampling, testing and analysis of corn meal for the presence of fumonisin. With more than 1,600 samples tested so far, we are confident that corn products are safe.

Because of that experience, NAMA believes the agency's draft guidance is prudent and reasonable. The levels proposed will mean millers will continue to use care in purchasing, cleaning and processing corn for food use.

NAMA appreciates the opportunity to offer these comments, and any consideration the agency may give them.

Sincerely,

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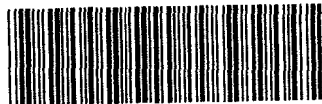
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